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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

First off, note that **the meeting November 3 in Greenville, SC will not be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.** When Tony called to confirm, shortly before this issue was compiled, he was told that the hotel had made an error. They had – so they say – thought our meeting was December 3 and had rented the meeting room to another party for November 3. Yeah, yeah.

But not to fear, thanks to the efforts of Bob King **CARTS will meet in Greenville on November 3 at the Days Inn at 2756 Laurens Road.** The Days Inn is about 2 tenths of a mile north of I-85 at exit 48. Going south on Laurens Road – which is also highway 276 – turn right into the BMW Used Car Lot. The hotel is directly behind the used cars. (Yep, Bob assures me that one must turn into the BMW Used Car Lot!) Going north on Laurens Road turn left into the BMW Used Car Lot. The entrance is approximately 30 yards north of the closest intersection, but there is a turn lane. There is a map on page 4.

We're starting a little earlier this time. We have the meeting room from 8:00 AM to noon. Again this is occasioned by the scramble to recover from being hung out to dry by Crowne Plaza.

Now - here it comes – you must notice that this issue is fairly brief. There's a reason for that. So, write up those new finds. (It can't be that only 3 or 4 of us ever find anything new.) Send me the copy for your free ad. (Remember copy is not reused from month to month.) Write up an article about a favorite token. Send in some advice for the beginner, or even for the veteran. Missing pages in the newsletter are sort of like forest fires, only you can prevent them.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings to all members of CARTS. I hope fall weather has finally gotten to your neck of the woods. It is very welcome here in central South Carolina, where we had record temperatures this summer. Hopefully the cooler weather will allow you to venture out to our semi-annual CARTS meeting coming up. We had planned on having a November meeting in Greenville, but plans are a bit up in the air as I write this message. We hope to have everything ironed out by the time Don prints the newsletter. See elsewhere in this issue for the exact time and location of the meeting. I hope to see everyone there!!

Regards,
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Comments, suggestions, reactions, (maybe even) criticism, will be gratefully accepted. Let us know!
Articles, New Finds, Announcements, and Classifieds to Don Bailey only! Dues to Bob King only!

The Dope Wagon

Tony Chibbaro

I have lived in South Carolina my entire life, even growing up in an upstate mill town, but had never heard of a "dope wagon" until I started collecting tokens. I even briefly worked in a cotton mill when I was in high school, working on a cleaning crew that came into the mill on Sundays when none of the regular employees were there. But still I had no inkling of what a dope wagon was until about 15 years ago when I came across mention of one in an article I was reading about mill life. The dope wagon was simply a slang name for a hand-pushed cart that came through the mill at lunchtime or snacktime and sold soft drinks, candy, and sometimes sandwiches. It earned this moniker from the slang name for "Coca-Cola". You might be aware that when it was first made, the recipe for Coca-Cola contained a then-legal stimulant called cocaine. After a short period of time, caffeine was substituted for the cocaine and the recipe became essentially what it is today. But during the time when the popular "soft" drink really carried a kick, it became known as a "dope" because of the cocaine it contained. And therefore, the snack wagon that came around the mill selling such drinks became known as the "dope wagon."



A photograph of a "dope wagon" used in the 1930s

An article that I found on the internet described the dope wagon this way:

"I don't remember seeing the dope wagon inside the mill when I was learning to weave. Maybe because I was on the second shift. I do remember seeing the dope wagon being pushed across "the square" and downhill to the mill. Did you ever see the fire hose carts pulled behind a pickup truck? The dope wagon was very similar; had two

automobile wheels, a bed maybe 4 feet wide and 5 or 6 feet long, with side boards maybe 6 or 8 inches high. Part of it was lined with tin and was filled with soft drinks and ice. The wagon had two boards extending out one end much like the old fashioned mule wagons, with a round cross bar for a handle to push and guide it. It was pretty well balanced on the two wheels and axle so one man could handle it. Other than cold drinks I don't know what all they used to carry on the wagon. I suspect it was sandwiches they made at the cafe, and commercial snack type foods. Maybe they carried some Tube Rose or Dental snuff, there was a lots of that used."

Last year I had the good fortune to obtain two 5-cent tokens issued by a man named W.P. Stringfield. The tokens were identical except one carried a Bath, S.C. location and the other had a Clearwater, S.C. location. These two towns are located on Horse Creek in Aiken County and are just a couple miles apart. Both are essentially mill towns and I was not surprised to find that W.P. Stringfield ran the dope wagon in both mills.



Two tokens (both 24mm, aluminum) issued by W.P. Stringfield for use with his "dope wagons" in Bath and Clearwater, S.C.

The style of the tokens suggests that they were issued in the 1920s or 1930s, but I have been unable to confirm this. W.P. Stringfield is absent from the standard mercantile directories of the day. I imagine that this is not unusual given the nature of his business, as selling soft drinks and sandwiches would not require a listing in a credit reference guide.

Finds from South Carolina

Tony Chibbaro

A token came up for auction on eBay a couple months ago that I have been anticipating for some time. I had long thought that out there somewhere was a token with the location of Aiken, S.C. shown on the token. I had never heard of any tokens with such a location on the token, but I had long surmised that Aiken was of a sufficient size and had a population rich enough in the early 1900s to have supported a class of merchants that would naturally have utilized tokens. And sure enough, one finally did come to light.



Hall's Pharmacy, Aiken, S.C. (24mm, aluminum)

Henry H. Hall was listed as a druggist in Aiken as early as 1893. His business continued until 1907, when, presumably, he died. In 1908, E.J. Hall is listed as a druggist. And in 1909, the business is shown as Hall's Pharmacy, the same as on the token. Listings continue as such into the 1950s. Most probably the token is from the 1910-1920 time period.

Also, last month I was able to obtain another long sought after token, this one I have known about since 1997. I published its listing in the *Second Supplement to South Carolina Tokens* in August 1999, but was not able to acquire the token until the NTCA show in Omaha this past Labor Day. The token is the same example that I listed in the supplement and the owner who reported it to me back in 1997 finally decided to sell a portion of his

collection. I was very happy that he decided to do so.



Clark & Jumper's Drug Store, Springfield, S.C.
(19mm, aluminum)

Clark & Jumper were listed in the mercantile directories as operating a drug store during 1908 and 1909. Later years show W.C. Jumper in the grocery business and J.S. Clark as a solo druggist. Clark, who was in business by himself from 1910 to the mid-1930s, issued tokens also. A single example is known bearing the inscription Clark's Pharmacy, Springfield, S.C. It also measures 19mm and is made of aluminum. That token is listed in the original *South Carolina Tokens*, published in 1990.

North Carolina New Find

Don Bailey

When I lived in Iowa the farmers there had a saying that I liked a lot. They would say, in various contexts, "Even a blind sow finds an acorn now and then." That's how I feel about this new find. The token is shown below.



L. W. Lonsford / (bar) / Lovelace, / N. C. // Good For / 5¢ / In Merchandise - R, Br, 19mm.

Thanks to Bob King, and a lucky hit on Google, we know that L.W. Lonsford is listed from 1883 through 1887 as operating a general store. He isn't listed in 1888 but L.W. Lunsford is listed as a general store owner from 1889 through 1923. Are L. W. Lonsford and L. W. Lunsford the same person? The census wasn't helpful, so it isn't known. It seems however that the find dates to the mid 1880's.

A BRIEF NOTE ON A SMALL TOKEN

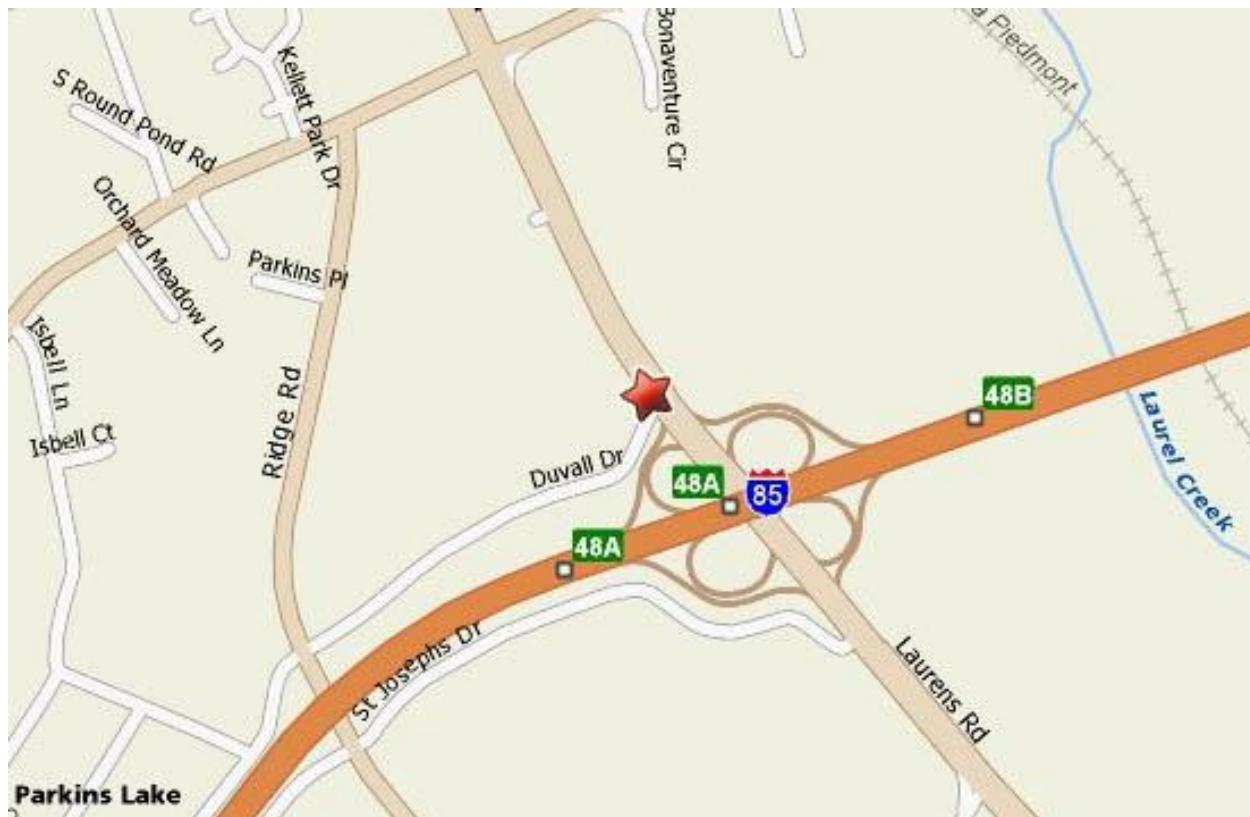
Bob King

David W. Davis and Son (Edward W. Davis) were owners of the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Works listed from 1908 through 1913 at 158 North Poindexter Street. It is likely that this token was ordered in the early years of the business when their product was called Davis Soda. When they became

bottlers of Pepsi-Cola one would think their franchise would require each bottler to call the product Pepsi. By 1913 Pepsi had 250 authorized bottlers. Caleb Bradham, a pharmacist, formulated Pepsi in 1893 at New Bern, NC. This picture is enlarged since the token is only 13mm, the smallest known NC Token.



D.W.D. & SON / (ORN) / ELIZABETH / CITY, / N.C. // GOOD FOR / 1 / BOTTLE / DAVIS' / SODA - RD AL 13



MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF THE DAYS INN AT 2756 LAURENS ROAD

DID YOUR FATHER EAT AT JOLLY LUNCH?

Bob King



JOLLY / LUNCH / HIGH POINT / N.C. // GOOD
FOR / 25¢ / IN TRADE - RD AL 20

This token is not listed in any High Point City Directories, so this lunch room was probably inside one of the large local industries and served food to employees only. A few miles down I-85 in Lexington, mill lunch rooms were named Dandy Lunch, Dacotah Lunch and Wennonah Lunch. In 2003 the local newspaper ran a picture of this token and asked readers to send any information they had. They didn't get a response.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

MORGANTON, NC - PHILLIPS DRUG 25¢ TOKEN - \$17 postpaid and insured. Don Bailey, PO Box 1272, Etowah, NC 28729.

FOR TRADE

SCARCE AND RARE TOKENS FROM THE CAROLINAS: I have more than 150 of them available for trade, along with a very large selection of tokens from other states. My trade list can be seen at: <http://www.turtlehillbanjo.com/tokentrade.htm>
David E. Schenkman.

WANTED

ANY AND ALL RARE TOKENS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA wanted. Will pay top prices or will trade from my extensive trading stock. I have traders from all over the country. Tony Chibbaro, PO Box 420, Prosperity, SC 29127 phone: 803-252-1881, email: chibbaro@mindspring.com

ARTICLES, LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, NEW FIND ANNOUNCEMENTS, CLASSIFIED AND/OR PAID ADS. Only you can make your club better. Send them in to your editor!

MISCELLANEOUS

ALL SIGNIFICANT SECTIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA TOKEN BOOK WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING in a laptop at the November 3 Meeting in Greenville. The book is complete except for technical problems with pictures of poor quality tokens. Bring your mavericks for attribution at the meeting. Bob King, 709 Cardinal Dr, Brevard, NC 28712 828-883-8028 tokenaddict@citcom.net

CARTS Membership and Dues: Membership in CARTS is open to anyone interested in the exonumia of the two Carolinas. Annual dues are \$10.00 and should be mailed to the treasurer, Bob King. Checks should be made payable to CARTS.

CARTSNEWS: CARTSNEWS, the newsletter of CARTS, is published four times per year in February, May, August, and November.

Advertising: Each member is encouraged to submit one classified ad per issue. These ads are free to members. Free ads should be no more than 50 words in length. No ads will be run continuously; a new ad must be submitted for each issue. The editor reserves the right to edit ads for length and any ad thought not to be in the best interest of the hobby will be rejected.

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